

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1860.

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On Wednesday afternoon we left Wilmington to attend the District Convention at Fayetteville. This morning we are again at our post, consequently our trip was a hurried one.

The stage from Warsaw to Fayetteville is as comfortable as the state of the case can admit of. Indeed everything connected with the line appears to be in the best order. Still the night ride is a most fatiguing one.

Fayetteville itself appears to be but slightly changed since our last visit, but what change there appears to be is evidently for the better, as though things had taken an upward direction. The whistle of the locomotive and the rush of the railroad train are both added to the accustomed sounds of the place. The Western Road seems to be most solidly constructed, and we learn that already it brings down a considerable amount of freight. We heard a good deal said in favor of immediately initiating a movement to extend the road to some point on the N. C. rail road. We need not say that with this movement we sympathize fully, and trust that it may be successful. The same connection that would most benefit Fayetteville would also benefit Wilmington; and strange as it may seem, to some who appear to act upon some queer idea of antagonism between the two places, we really think that in all cases the mutual interest is so great as to approach identity.

The managers of the Western Railroad very politely extended an invitation to the Democratic District Convention to pass over their road yesterday, for the purpose of seeing the work. We regret that the imperative necessity of being at home at a certain time compelled us reluctantly to forego the pleasure and information which we would have derived from a participation in the excursion. With this avenue to the great mining region of the State, Fayetteville presents claims as a suitable point for an arsenal of construction, second to no other point in the country. We trust that these claims will not be much longer ignored. Proper machinery and fixtures have already been put up, but the deranged state of the national finances prevented the appropriation of the necessary funds required for actual operations.

Next door to the Fayetteville Hotel we noticed preparations made for extensive building operations, the materials being on the grounds and workmen busily engaged. We understand that the new buildings will be appropriated to banking and business purposes.

By the way, we are anxious of Fayetteville on account of her fine hotel building. Without wishing to deprive our neighbors of what is justly theirs, we do wish sincerely that we here in Wilmington had a similar building. We will also in justice to Mr. Waddill that so far as we could judge, the house is kept in a manner that leaves nothing further to be desired. Indeed, we heard all the hotels in Fayetteville highly spoken of. We speak of the Fayetteville from our own knowledge.

Among the many friends whom we had the pleasure of meeting were the conductors of the Democratic press in Fayetteville, Mr. Sinclair of the *North Carolinian* and Mr. Banks of the *Courier*. We were happy to find them well and pleased with their prospects, personal and political. For their polite attention we are truly grateful; it will give us pleasure to be able to reciprocate.

We publish elsewhere the report of the proceedings of the Convention. We think that the proper course has been pursued by the Democratic State Convention and the different district Conventions in North Carolina in leaving their delegates untrammelled and free to act according to their conscientious convictions, for the greatest good to the country and the party. The resolution in regard to Hon. Warren Winslow is a proper acknowledgment of a flattering preference expressed for a distinguished citizen of our own State and district. So far as we know anything about the delegates chosen from this State, they will go to Charleston unpregudged—not as this man's man, or that man's man, but as Democrats; at least in our understanding of the wishes of the party in the State, and the duties of those entrusted with the representation of its views at Charleston. Conventions are called to promote harmony—to agree upon fair and practicable grounds of union and concert of action, not to quarrel over mere words.

The speeches of Mr. Steele, Mr. Devane and Mr. Hall, deserve a more extended notice than our limits will now permit us to give to them. Mr. Steele's was strong, practical good sense, clothed in excellent language; and of Mr. Hall as a speaker, we need hardly say anything to our people here—his address was easy, fluent, abounding in strong points and cogent reasoning, and at times rising into genuine eloquence. It was greeted with enthusiastic applause. Mr. Devane acquitted himself, as he always does, with more than credit to himself. He is destined to make his mark.

The speech of Mr. Haywood at night, was an elaborate, able and conclusive argument on the subject of *ad valorem*. Mr. Haywood examined the subject in all its bearings, historical, financial, sectional. Examined it with reference to its justice or injustice—to its consequences—to its equality or inequality, and in all respects answered the arguments advanced by the advocates of a change in our Constitution. Mr. Haywood enchaind a large and attentive audience for hours, listening to his lucid exposition.

The Democrats rallied in strength on Thursday and the occasion will not soon be forgotten, nor do we fear for the result, if the same spirit is kept alive until the day of the election. A proper effort and a most glorious success is ours.

We came down from Fayetteville on board that fine boat the *Flora McDonald*, and found ourselves as comfortable as we could be. Captain Hurt is absent superintending the construction of another boat for the same parties who own the *Flora*, but he has an excellent representative in Mr. Driver who now runs the boat. The river has been very high indeed.

The Democratic District Convention, for the 23 district, was held in Newbern on the 22d inst. Wm. K. Lane, Esq., of Wayne, presided. All the counties except Hyde, were represented. R. L. Bridges, Esq., of Edgecombe, and L. W. Humphrey, Esq., of Onslow, were elected delegates to the Charleston Convention; Wm. K. Lane, Esq., and H. F. Bond, Esq., their alternates. Wm. B. Rodman, Esq., of Washington, is the Presidential Elector; sub-electors were also chosen for each county.

The North Carolina Medical Society will be held this year at Washington, North Carolina, on the 4th Wednesday in April prox. It is to be hoped the attendance will be large from every part of the State. The Society will find themselves well cared for by the good citizens of Washington. See notice of the Society in this paper.

Drowned. A negro sailor belonging to the Barque John Griffin, lying at the wharf of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad, about 5 miles above town, whilst walking on a plank from the vessel to the wharf on yesterday, fell overboard and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

The Standard is printing a large edition of Gov. Ellis' speech, delivered before the Democratic Convention, \$2 per 100. The speech should be spread broadcast throughout the State.

The wrecked *Schr. Woodbine* and all her materials was sold at auction yesterday by D. Pigott for \$701.81.

THE PROPOSED RAILROAD FROM WASHINGTON, N. C.

We learn from the Washington, N. C. Dispatch of the 21st inst., that some ten or twelve of the corporations met on Friday night last, in said town, in order to make arrangements for opening books, &c., for receiving subscriptions to the proposed Railroad from that place, when the sum of \$15,000 was subscribed by those present. It requires a subscription of \$100,000 to secure the charter. If a similar liberality is manifested by the people of the different counties through which the road is to pass, there will be no obstacle in the way; and the road will soon be commenced, and the people of that section will shortly thereafter begin to realize the effects of the undertaking.

Ad Valorem.—Mr. Bledsoe's proposed plan (against which Mr. Pool voted, John), for bringing the measure into existence and Mr. Pool's, are the same. They are both striving for the same end, but prefer different roads.

Then, of course, the principle is the same, the only difference being the "roads" they take to reach the same end. The italics in the above are our own.

Lieut. Chapman, of the *Saratoga*, is bearer of dispatches from Vera Cruz to the government at Washington, relative to the capture of Miramon's ships. The Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun*, under date of the 20th, says that the language held at the navy department concerning the capture of these vessels, is that they were piratical in their character, as they showed no flags, and were not recognized as Mexican by the Juarez government; the vessels could not have been captured under any instructions to resist a blockade by them, as they did not make an attempt at blockading.

The dispatches had not reached Washington. We shall probably know more about the affair in a few days.

A dispatch to the *Charleston Courier* from New Orleans, dated the 20th inst., says that Gov. Houston is at San Antonio, and will act in concert with Colonel Lee's operations on the Rio Grande. Col. Lee was to leave on the 15th for active work. Five hundred Rangers are already in the field under Major Houston's proclamation, for the defence of the Northern frontier, where the Indians are murdering, plundering and burning in all directions.

Wm. B. Smith, Esq., of the *Tarboro' Mercury*, has associated with him C. C. Callan, Esq., late Washington City correspondent of that paper. Mr. C. has been connected with the Democratic press for a length of time, and will, no doubt, make a valuable co-editor of the *Mercury*. We wish him and his partner success. Edgecombe ought to give a handsome support to her press. Her citizens are amply able to do so, and we have no doubt they will.

The Steamer *Port Boy* is to resume her trips between Newbern and Washington as soon as she undergoes the necessary repairs.

For the Journal. Messrs. Editors: We wish to state through your excellent paper, that the public money in District No. 1, will soon be expended, and we hope that the citizens of said District will manifest an interest and subscribe liberally for the continuance of the School. We see the use of educating the poor class of children in this town, and let us put our hands to the wheel of taxation and keep the School going. Money must inevitably be raised, and we appeal to the generosity of the people of this place to aid and assist us in this effort. The School is in a very flourishing condition—104 scholars in attendance, and under the control of Mr. R. R. Parish, of Sampson, a man of fine qualifications and an excellent teacher. He has been teaching for five months, during which time his School has been visited by some of the most prominent and experienced teachers in the State.

For the Journal.

Fire in Duplin.

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C., March 23, 1860.

Messrs. Editors: To-day, between nine and nine o'clock, A. M., the residence of Mrs. Ann Pearsall, the widow of the late James Pearsall, deceased, was entirely consumed by fire. About half past seven this morning it was discovered that one of the servants that a small spot on the roof was on fire, and the alarm was immediately given; but no one being near except females, no steps were taken to put it out until necessary aid was secured, which came too late to avail anything. A large portion of the roof was then flames, and consequently all efforts to extinguish them were fruitless. The most of the valuable furniture was saved; the loss sustained, I suppose, is about \$2,000.

The many friends of this faithful and beloved mother will deplore her misfortune.

Yours, respectfully, S. S. M.

Gov. Ellis' Appointment.

We are requested to give notice that Gov. Ellis will address the people at the following times and places: Gastonia, Ga., Tuesday, 3d of April. Hertford, Perquimans, Thursday, 5th. Elizabeth City, Pasquotank, Friday, 6th. Currituck County, Hatteras, Saturday, 7th. Edenton, Chowan, Monday, 9th. Plymouth, Washington, Tuesday, 10th. Wilmington, Martin, Wednesday, 11th. Taylorsville, Edgecombe, Thursday, 12th. Nashville, Nash, Friday, 13th. Wilson, Wilson, Saturday, 14th.

These appointments will embrace about two weeks—as long a period as the Governor can well be absent from duties in Raleigh. Information from a private source received in Raleigh, renders it probable that Mr. Pool commenced the campaign this week. The Governor has made appointments in Mr. Pool's neighborhood, and will not be glad to meet him at the times and places mentioned. If any changes shall be made in the above appointments, or new ones added after consultation with Mr. Pool, due notice thereof will be given.

Rail Standard.

FROM UTAH AND PIKE'S PEAK—MANSLAUGHTER AND LYNCH LAW AT DENVER CITY.—*Atchison*, March 21.—The central and overland mail and Pike's Peak express arrived this evening, bringing dates from Salt Lake to March 23, and Denver city to the 15th inst., and \$30,000 in gold dust.

On the 14th, at Denver City, Moses Young shot Wm. West, of Leavenworth. On the 15th Young was tried before the "People's Court," and hung at three o'clock on the same afternoon. The unfortunate man only said in his last words, "I am the best friend I ever had, for what cause the world would never know." The funeral of West was largely attended by the Free Masons and others.

Mr. Stone who was wounded in a duel, as previously stated, was still alive, but his surgeons pronounced him beyond mortal.

Affairs at Salt Lake City were quiet. Gen. Johnson and Maj. Porter left Camp Floyd on the 29th of February, en route for Washington via California.

ELECTION IN NEBRASKA TERRITORY.—*Chicago*, March 21.—The Nebraska Republican gives the following returns from the late election held in that Territory for delegates to the convention to form a State constitution. Of the forty-eight counties heard from, thirty-six are republican and twelve democratic, with four counties not returned. On the State government question the vote stands 1,877 for to 1,987 against that government.

MURDER OF NORTH CAROLINIANS IN TEXAS.—We understand that authentic information has been received here from W. A. Evans, Esq., formerly of this vicinity, who alarmed his neighbors, brothers, Colin and Angus Monroe, formerly of Robeson county, N. C., were murdered by Indians recently. They were in search of a location for the purpose of stock raising, when the Indians came upon one of them at their camp and murdered him, and subsequently met the other in the road and murdered him. The citizens pursued the Indians and killed fifteen of them.

We learn that the brothers Monroe were very worthy men, much respected in Robeson and Cumberland counties, where they have left many relatives and friends.

Fayetteville Observer.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22, 1860.

The Senate on yesterday discussed the Florida Claims. Resolutions were introduced asking the President for information in regard to the capture of the Mexican Steamers.

In the House similar resolutions were introduced.—The Sickles election case was discussed.

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1860.

Yesterday, in the Senate, the homestead bill was up, but no action taken upon it. In the House the amendment to the Utah territorial bill was debated. The Michigan contested election case was taken up, and the preliminary action had thereon, indicates the probability that Cooper, Democrat, will be ousted of his seat.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24th, 1860.

Advices from Vera Cruz to the 14th inst. have been received.

Miramon bombarded the city on the 13th, doing little damage.

A detachment of Miramon's troops from Alvarado were attacked and completely routed by the Liberals.

A flag of truce was sent by Juarez, which resulted in a suspension of hostilities.

A military Congress composed of the chiefs of the two armies and representatives of foreign governments met the same evening. Result unknown.

It was reported that Miramon had abandoned the siege and deserted his army and taken refuge aboard the French fleet, the city of Mexico pronouncing against him. Army deserting.

FIVE DAYS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ST. LOUIS, March 22, 1860.—The California overland mail, with dates to the 3d inst., has arrived.

The Democratic State Convention at Sacramento adopted the Cincinnati platform. The Dred Scott decision was also sustained. The administration of the President was endorsed.

Daniel S. Dickinson of New York, was declared the first choice of the Convention, as a candidate for the next Presidency.

Delegates were elected to the Charleston Convention, but they are uncommitted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26, 1860.

The Democratic National Committee to-day calls a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of April relative to the Charleston Convention, but it is highly improbable that they will change the place of meeting.

NEW YORK, March 26, 1860.

A. S. Stewart, the celebrated Dry Goods Merchant has been taken to the insane Asylum.

Nothing further from Vera Cruz.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 24th, 1860.

The steamship Canada, at this port yesterday, brings dates to the 10th. The Western powers had agreed to protect Turkey against the Eastern powers.

Sardinia consents to vote by the Savoyards on the subject of annexation to France.

The advanced customs on rice went into effect in England on the 7th inst.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, March 19th, 1860.

Cotton dull. Sales of the week 47,000 bales, at a decline of 1/2d. The decline is principally on the middle and lower qualities. Stock on hand 830,000 bales, of which 697,000 bales are American. Middling Orleans 6 1/2d; Middling Uplands 6 1/4d.

Breadstuffs quiet. Provisions quiet. Rice firm at 23 a 24s. Resin steady at 4s 5d a 4s 6d. Turpentine dull, and all qualities slightly declined. Spirits Turpentine 35s. 6d. a 36s.

Consols closed at 94 1/2.

Democratic Session in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 13, 1860.

The President of the Virginia Senate on Saturday submitted the following communication, which, on motion of Mr. Paxton, was ordered to be printed:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Richmond, March 17th, 1860.

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Democratic District Convention.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The delegates from the several counties assembled in the Fayetteville Hall at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was organized by calling Col. W. L. Steele, of Richmond, to the Chair, and requesting W. S. Norment, of Robeson, and Col. Wm. Alderman, of Cumberland, to act as Secretaries.

The President in a short address, returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and stated the object for which we had assembled.</